

Teen Driver Task Force Meeting – Meeting Minutes

5/2/19

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Public Safety Building – DMV

OHS Conference Room – 2nd Floor

Dover, DE

Attendees:

Sarah Cattie, Office of Highway Safety

Tracy Condon, Delaware State Police

Michael Wagner, DOE – Driver Education

Anthony Kwoka, DOE/DDSEA

Pete Booker, SmartDrive Foundation

Guy VanderLek, SmartDrive Foundation

Amy Anthony, Division of Motor Vehicles

Jana Simpler, Division of Motor Vehicles

Sarah Cattie updated the group about OHS' plan to work with the Teens in the Driver's Seat peer led program in FY20 – which will allow 5 schools to pilot the program. We are working on getting support for the incentives and Mike Wagner will work to identify participating schools. The spring Nascar coming up that week has a buckle up message with several events planned with OHS' sponsored driver Ross Chastain.

Individual Member Updates:

Anthony Kwoka – DDSEA will be holding their driving competition on May 15 at Dover International Speedway. He is pleased with the changes in the curriculum made several years back and is concerned about academic eligibility in terms of drivers' education. He is also working on trying to make drivers' education more available to special education students and hopes that there are more options to get teachers certified to teach driver's education at more than one physical location. He has concerned about meeting students' needs with large class sizes.

Tracy Condon – Tracy has some follow up information to share (at the next meeting) in regards to the pop-up in E-ticket for GDL drivers. She also received a request from a trooper about current school bus laws. Mike Wagner will provide some information. Anthony requested the opportunity to work with SROs to do a mock pull over in the school parking lots as a teaching tool and show students what the officer sees when they pull up a license. Amy offered to create a mock DMV record that could be used. Tracy was supportive of this idea. Tracy also shared that the blocks in e-crash cannot be changed for a non-injured party, but some recent updates have made them editable.

Pete Booker – Pete and Guy visited every school in Delaware and spoke with administration. They are still promoting SmartDrive Classic, scholarship programs and have updated Click4Life. They can assist with some school contacts for the "Teens in the Driver's Seat" program to get schools involved. SmartDrive will be merging as a part of the Safety Council. SmartDrive hopes to receive continued Grant-in-Aid funding for the next fiscal year and will participate in upcoming events at Point-to-Point and the Flower Market.

Guy VanderLek – SmartDrive is looking to create buttons with the Click 4 Life program at a cost of \$8500. He's also at the TDS-zero program to initiate next year.

Michael Wagner – The Gift of Life Scholarship program has gone really well. He is looking at a program with multiple sponsors to focus on the "ladder of life" with support from the blood bank and others. The Current Issues in Driver's Education course will take place in August.

Amy Anthony – The Class D Manuals will be available this month.

Jana Simpler – Jana shared a program from Virginia called a "Parent Resource Guide." She gave out copies to the members and wants to see if we can produce something similar. **Michael Wagner asked that we include this on the next meeting's agenda to discuss.**

The next Teen Driver Task Force Meeting will be held on August 1, 2019 at 9 am in the OHS Conference Room. An invitation will follow via Outlook.